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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Mark Hechinger) Examiner: Cook, Lisa V.
Serial No.: 09/873,866) Art Unit: 1641
Filing Date: June 04, 2001) Re: Response
For: "No Wash Bead Assay, Kit ...") Our Ref: 1007-103.US
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the office action mailed September 06, 2002. A Petition for a one month extension of time with fee is enclosed herewith.

Applicant elects claims 1 to 19, 25 and 26.

Note that claims 25 and 26 are product claims based on the method of claim 1 and are entitled to inclusion in this election. It is possible that the Examiner overlooked this in making the election/restriction requirement.

Examination on the merits is now awaited. If the Examiner has any questions, she is invited to contact the undersigned at (818) 710-2788.

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Respectfully submitted,



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